The Little Lodge That Does Big Things!

2023 - 2024 Officers:

Exalted Ruler - Meryl Deemie, PER
Leading Knight - Ben Cabot II
Loyal Knight - David Agron
Lecturing Knight - Jeff Dibble
Secretary - Russ Ryan, PSVP
Treasurer - Gayle Klein, PER
Esquire - Tim Turner
Chaplain - Abagail Agron
Inner Guard - Dino Christopher, PER
Tiler - Herb Flint
Trustees - Terry Reagan
Al Jasinski
Hope Woodcock-Ross, PSVP

Stay up to date on the lodge's calendar of events! Follow us on FaceBook!

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Brothers and sisters,

Hello everyone!

This is my final newsletter. It has been a pleasure serving as your Exalted Ruler for the last two years. I want to thank everyone who has helped me during this time. Without all of you the ERs can't do their job so THANK YOU. We have had some ups and downs but have persevered and won all the battles. We have a new back door, new refrigerator, new toilet, and most of all a new roof to help preserve our building. You have all helped to raise the funds for these endeavors. We have more fundraisers coming up so please support your new ER and think of new fundraisers because without them we have no way of paying our bills. THANK YOU again.

REMEMBER our Doug's Fish Fry has been changed from March 9th to Friday March 8th at the Oceans Job lot on Harry L Drive. Please support this event, invite your friends and family to support us. The next DD Clinic is March 24th at 11am at Vestal. Breakfast is available before the meeting for \$12. If you would like to attend let me know.

My final Irish Blessing:
Hills as green as emeralds
Cover the countryside
Lakes as blue as sapphires
Are Ireland's special pride
And rivers that shine like silver
Make Ireland look so fair
But the friendliness of her people
Is the richest treasure there

Fraternally yours,

Meryl Deemie, Exalter Ruler 607 797 4050 – 607 237 6879

Mortgage Update:

Our mortgage balance stands at \$79,020. Contributions to the building fund are appreciated in getting this job done. Thanks!

March 2024

Membership Corner

Please welcome our newest members:

Dennis A. See

Applications in Process

None

Proposing candidates helps us to share our values with the community. Our numbers are growing! Next month is up to YOU!



LODGE #2821 HONORS OUR VETERANS

"So Long As There Are **Veterans. The Benevolent And Protective Order of Elks** Will Never Forget Them!"

THE VETERANS CORNER

TBD

3 Bernice Griffiths

12 Pamela Hampton

12 Debra Prindle

12 Joseph Stojek

15 Ralph Azersky

16 Anita Miller

20 Michael Holveck

25 Lindsey Stevens

26 Harry Lewis

27 Kimberly Reger

30 Marie Ryan

Oxford Veterans Home Visit

March Birthdays

16 Jerry Smith

22 John Oakes



Sickness & Distress:

Elizabeth Dibble

In Vain We Call:

None

If you know of someone who is sick or in distress of any kind, please contact the Lodge. We care about the wellbeing of all of those connected with our lodge.

Membership Status

Membership as of 04/01/2023 168 Members Initiated +7 **Members Affiliated** Members Reinstated +2 **Member Transfer and Absolute Demits** -2 **Members Deceased** -3 **Dropped From Our Rolls (for non-payment)** -3 **Current Membership** <u>170</u>

2024 - 2025 Dues

Dues are due before April 1st 2024 for the year 2024-2025. All of us must pay our dues before April 1st every year. Dues notices for the 2023 - 2024 year will be mailed. The dues for new year are:

Total Due	\$94.00
Grand Lodge Assessments NYSEA Assessments	\$34.00 \$ 5.00
Lodge #2821 Dues	\$55.00

Optional Donations:

ENF \$10.00 **Major Projects** \$10.00 \$25.00 Scholarship Building Fund \$25.00 General Fund \$25.00

Please send in your 2024-2025 dues along with any optional donations that you wish. Your new membership card will be mailed to you as soon as your dues payment is processed.

Please notify your Lodge Secretary when any of your contact information has changed. This includes your mailing address, home phone, cell phone, and e-mail address. If we don't have current contact information you will be missing out on communications from your lodge and your order. Also, once again, please let me know whether you prefer to receive the newsletter via e-mail or hardcopy.

- Russell Ryan, P.E.R., Lodge Secretary rryan@stny.rr.com 607-775-4640 (H) 607-222-3610 (C)

Elk of the Month

February's Elk of the month is **Darryl Williams**

For cooking delicious Friday dinners.

Thank you for all you do! You make us all proud to be Johnson City Elks!

Installation for our 2024-2025 slate of officers, will be on March 16th at 3:00pm, all are invited to attend.

Thanks, Russ

SECRETARY'S CORNER

DUES

April 1st, 2024 - March 31st, 2025 Lodge dues are now being accepted. Our dues including State and National assessments are \$94.00. Please make your checks payable to J.C. Elks. Reminder our dues need to be paid by the end of March.

Thanks, Russ

\$2,000.00 LODGE GRANT

Our lodge recently received Grant money from the Elks National Foundation. This money was donated to Saint James Church in Johson City in support of their food pantry. The pantry supplies food and hygiene items to the needy in our community. Our Lodge has received a total \$8,500.00 in Grant money this Elk year. Members, please consider a donation to the foundation, your help makes future Grants possible.

Thanks, Russ

Please Mark Your Calendars:

April 6th from 1pm-5pm, our Lodge will be having a \$10 pasta dinner with garlic bread and dessert to help raise funds for Sheila and Brittany who lost their house to fire recently. There will be basket raffles and 50/50 raffles. Anyone who is interested in donating for the basket raffles can drop off items at the Lodge. They will also be accepting cash donations. Contact the Lodge for more information.

***Please note: Starting March 15th TAKE-OUT dinners will be \$13. DINE-IN dinners will be \$12 ***

NEW SLATE OF OFFICERS 2024-25

E.R. – Dave Agron
Leading Knight – Dino Christopher
Loyal Knight – Alicia Beck
Lecturing Knight – Jeff Dibble
Secretary – Russ Ryan
Treasurer – Gayle Klein
Esquire – Tim Turner
Inner Guard – Bruce Wood
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25(Feb)	26(Feb)	27(Feb)	28(Feb)	29(Feb_	1 Sheamy's Irish Stew	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
		7pm Lodge Mtg	Pitch night	7pm T-Party	Halupki Casserole Doug's Fish Fry	
10	11	12	13 Pitch night	14 7pm T-Party	15 Alicia's Turkey Dinner	16 Officer Installation 3pm
17	18	19 7pm Lodge Mtg	20 Pitch night	21 7pm T-Party	22 Jim's Lasagna	23
Closed for East		26	27 Pitch night	28 7pm T-Party	29 Closed for Easter	30 Closed for Easter

The Lodge is open 5-7pm on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays